MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there was failure on the part of the Government to supply the forms in time?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

The Special Electoral Rolls Officer, 1106.

96. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With regard to the appointment of the Electoral Rolls Officer in connection with the Legislative Council elections in 1106, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Electoral Rolls Officer was appointed;

(*b*) whether he was appointed as a full time officer;

(*c*) whether that office was subsequently combined with a Dewan Peishkarship, and, if so, when;

(*d*) whether the two offices were again separated, and, if so, when; and

(*e*) the reason for the combination and the separation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) From the 3rd Chingam 1106.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes; from the 25th Makaram 1106 (A. N.)

(*d*) Yes; from the 16th Minam 1106 (F. N.)

(*e*) The manuscripts of the preliminary electoral rolls had been prepared by the several Registration Officers and after scrutiny by the Special Electoral Rolls Officer had been sent to the Press for printing before the 25th Makaram 1106. The Revising Authorities for the several registration areas began to sit only from the 15th Minam 1106 and during the intervening period the work in the special office was comparatively light. During this period therefore it was possible for the Special Electoral Rolls Officer to attend to the special work in addition to his duties as Dewan Peishkar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know who the Electoral Rolls Officer was?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. T. P. Ramasubbha Aiyar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Why was it that the Electoral Rolls officer was also made Dewan Peishkar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is explained in part (*e*).

Refusal of ticket of admission to the Council Hall to the representative of the "Kesari."

97. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they did not issue a Press ticket to the representative of the weekly 'Kesari' for admission to the last Legislative Council meeting even though there was an application in time; and

(*b*) if so, why?

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